

February 3, 2014

Mr. Bill Storm
Environmental Review Manager
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Mr. Storm:

The below comments are in regard to the proposed Great Northern Transmission Line Project PUC Docket Number E-015/CN-12-1163.

We own 850ft. of lakeshore on the north east side of Deer Lake in Itasca County off of Rt.1, and we pay taxes on every single foot. We enjoyed the serene view of the lake for many years. Then a communications tower was put up off of Highway 1 on the south horizon. We were told that it was for "homeland security", but the view has now been dramatically compromised. Part of the proposed route where Minnesota Power could install towers would again be down Rt.1, which potentially could compromise our view even more. People do not buy lakeshore and pay exorbitant taxes to look at transmission towers. We are vehemently opposed to any project that would take away from the view that we have left.

Thank you,


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